

11.7.2021 – ADAC GT Masters

Weerts/Vanthoor make it a brace of wins for Audi in the German GT Championship in Zandvoort

- **First victory of the season for Team WRT**
- **Charles Weerts also wins the Pirelli Junior competition**
- **Rolf Ineichen wins the Pirelli Trophy in a Lamborghini**

Zandvoort. Audi was the dominant manufacturer at the third race weekend of the season in the German GT Championship: after yesterday's success, Charles Weerts (20/B) and Dries Vanthoor (22/B, both Team WRT) claimed a second victory for the brand with the four rings in Sunday's race. Second place for Mercedes-AMG drivers Maximilian Buhk (28/Hamburg) and Raffaele Marciello (26/I, both Mann-Filter Team Landgraf – HTP/WWR), and third place for Rolf Ineichen (42/CH) and Franck Perera (37/F, both GRT Grasser Racing Team) meant the podium featured three different manufacturers. "I really like the circuit here in Zandvoort and it is nice to have won here," said winner Charles Weerts. "The whole weekend has been very good for us, with fifth place on Saturday, followed by pole and the win today."

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Circuit length: 4,259 metres

Weather: 22 degrees, overcast

Pole position: Dries Vanthoor (Team WRT, Audi R8 LMS), 1:33.931 minutes

Winners: Charles Weerts/Dries Vanthoor (Team WRT, Audi R8 LMS)

Fastest lap: Dries Vanthoor (Team WRT, Audi R8 LMS), 1:35.171 minutes

Vanthoor and Weerts dominate

The first half of the race was all about Audi Sport driver Dries Vanthoor. The Belgian started race six of the season from pole position and held onto the lead at the start. After that, opened a small gap ahead of the chasing Raffaele Marciello. By the time he came in for his mandatory pit stop at the halfway point of the race, and handed over to Charles Weerts, he had established a two-second cushion. Weerts took over where Vanthoor had left off and – despite a brief safety car phase to recover the Porsche of Sven Müller (29/Bingen am Rhein, Precote Herberth Motorsport) – maintained a commanding lead to take victory with a lead of 3.951 seconds. The young Belgian also won the Pirelli Junior competition.

Mercedes-AMG drivers Marciello and Buhk finished second to claim their second podium of the season. The duo had briefly dropped back to third place after the round of pit stops, but Buhk then wasted little time in retaking second place. Joining them on the podium for the first time in 2021 were Rolf Ineichen and Franck Perera (both GRT Grasser Racing Team), who came home third in the best-placed Lamborghini Huracán GT3 Evo. This was enough to earn Ineichen victory in the Pirelli Trophy.

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In fourth place were Jeffrey Schmidt (27/CH) and Marvin Kirchhöfer (27/Lucerne, both Callaway Competition) in their Corvette C7 GT3-R, ahead of the Mercedes-AMG pairing of Igor Waliłko (23/PL) and Jules Gounon (26/F, both Team Zakspeed Mobil Krankenkasse Racing). The closing stages of the race were eventful, with Kim-Luis Schramm (23/Meuspath) and Dennis Marschall (24/Eggenstein, both Rutronik Racing by Tece) taking sixth place ahead of fellow Audi drivers Florian Spengler (33/Ellwangen) and Markus Winkelhock (41/Zdiměřice, both Car Collection Motorsport). They were followed home by a further two R8 LMS, with Luca-Sandro Trefz (19/Wüstenrot) and Christopher Haase (33/Kulmbach, both Montaplast by Land-Motorsport) crossing the finish line in eighth place, ahead of Jusuf Owega (19/Cologne) and Patric Niederhauser (29/CH, both Phoenix Racing).

Mirko Bortolotti (31/I) and Albert Costa Balboa (31/E, both GRT Grasser Racing Team), who started from third place on the grid, eventually had to settle for tenth place after ABS issues. Championship leaders Mathieu Jaminet (26/F) and Michael Ammermüller (35/Rotthalmünster, both SSR Performance) left empty handed after a late collision, followed by a spin caused by a puncture.

Quotes from the winners

Dries Vanthoor: “At the start of the race, I was a little worried about the dark clouds, but it stayed dry. The new tyres helped us, even though the circuit was really dirty. The Audi runs really well here and we were easily able to manage our lead in the race. Charles did a super job at the end and wrapped up the victory nicely.”

Charles Weerts: “Dries put us in a great position with pole position and his impressive stint. The safety car made it interesting again in the second half of the race, but after that I was still able to open up a nice lead.”

2021 ADAC GT Masters calendar, subject to amendment

14.05. – 16.05.2021	Motorsport Arena Oschersleben
11.06. – 13.06.2021	Red Bull Ring (A)
09.07. – 11.07.2021	CM.com Circuit Zandvoort (NL)
06.08. – 08.08.2021	Nürburgring
10.09. – 12.09.2021	DEKRA Lausitzring
01.10. – 03.10.2021	Sachsenring
22.10. – 24.10.2021	Hockenheimring Baden-Württemberg

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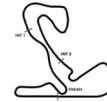
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Result List

Stewards / Race Management

STEWARD	Achim Loth
STEWARD	Tobias Amann
STEWARD	Stefanie Kleiber
RACE DIRECTOR	Sven Stoppe
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Bob Veldkamp
TECHNICAL DELEGATE	Korbinian Beckert
CHIEF TIMEKEEPER	Daniel Schulze

Weather Start/Finish

AIR	21.7°C
TRACK	27.8°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1015 hPa
AIR	21.5°C
TRACK	26.1°C
CONDITIONS	Dry
PRESSURE	1015 hPa

Track Information

GREEN FLAG	16:34:57
CHEQUERED FLAG	17:37:32
SAFETY CAR PHASE	1
FULL COURSE YELLOW PHASE	0
TRACK NAME	Circuit Zandvoort
TRACK LENGTH	4259m
TURN COUNT	14
TOTAL DISTANCE	157.58km
FASTEST LAP:	#32. VAN - 1:35.171

STARTED: 27 CLASSIFIED: 21 NOT CLASSIFIED: 6 DISQUALIFIED: 0

Drivers	Team	Car	Laps	Total Time	Gap	Kph	Lap	Time	Kph
1 32 C.Weerts(BEL)(J)/D.Vanthoor(BEL)	TEAM WRT(BEL)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:35.407		150.9	7	1:35.171	161.1
2 70 M.Buhk(DEU)/R.Marciello(ITA)	MANN-FILTER Team LANDGRAF-HTF	Mercedes-AMG GT3	37	1:02:39.358	3.951	150.8	8	1:35.323	160.8
3 19 R.Ineichen(CHE)(T)/F.Perera(FRA)	GRT GRASSERRACING TEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	37	1:02:42.151	6.744	150.7	9	1:35.237	160.9
4 77 J.Schmidt(CHE)/M.Kirchhöfer(CHE)	Callaway Competition(DEU)	Corvette C7 GT3-R	37	1:02:44.125	8.718	150.6	8	1:35.635	160.3
5 13 I.Waliko(POL)(J)/J.Gounon(FRA)	Team Zakspeed Mobil Krankenkasse Ra	Mercedes-AMG GT3	37	1:02:45.494	10.087	150.6	8	1:35.225	161.0
6 33 K.Schramm(DEU)(J)/D.Marschall(DEU)(J)	Rutronik Racing by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:49.941	14.534	150.5	17	1:35.974	159.7
7 69 F.Spengler(DEU)(T)/M.Winkelhock(DEU)	Car Collection Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:51.750	16.343	150.4	17	1:36.135	159.4
8 28 L.Trefz(DEU)(J)/C.Haase(DEU)	Montaplast by Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:52.679	17.272	150.4	4	1:36.354	159.1
9 4 J.Owega(DEU)(J)/P.Niederhauser(CHE)	Phoenix Racing(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:53.157	17.750	150.4	4	1:36.250	159.2
10 63 M.Bortolotti(ITA)/A.Costa Balboa(ESP)	GRT GRASSERRACING TEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	37	1:02:53.761	18.354	150.2	2	1:36.411	159.0
11 54 S.Reicher(AUT)(J)/N.Siedler(AUT)	YACO Racing Team(AUT)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:02:54.836	19.429	150.4	6	1:36.558	158.7
12 74 J.Fittje(DEU)(J)/D.Pereira(LUX)(J)	KÜS Team Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	37	1:03:03.586	28.179	150.1	17	1:36.632	158.6
13 7 K.Bachler(AUT)/S.De Silvestro(CHE)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	37	1:03:04.560	29.153	150.2	6	1:36.519	158.8
14 16 M.Ortmann(DEU)(J)/C.Schmid(AUT)	GRT GRASSERRACING TEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	37	1:03:04.721	29.314	150.3	7	1:36.429	159.0
15 20 C.Schöll(AUT)(J)/H.Still(DEU)	Team Zakspeed Mobil Krankenkasse Ra	Mercedes-AMG GT3	37	1:03:06.364	30.957	150.0	6	1:36.657	158.6
16 22 M.Engel(DEU)/L.Stolz(DEU)	Mercedes-AMG Team Toksport WRT(D)	Mercedes-AMG GT3	37	1:03:06.382	30.975	149.9	20	1:35.785	160.0
17 3 D.Keilwitz(DEU)/S.Asch(DEU)	Aust Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	37	1:03:08.687	33.280	150.0	6	1:36.176	159.4
18 92 M.Jaminet(FRA)/M.Ammernüller(DEU)	SSR Performance(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	36	1:01:13.361	1 LAP	150.4	5	1:36.435	158.9
19 82 T.Zimmermann(DEU)/M.Mapelli(ITA)	GRT GRASSERRACING TEAM(AUT)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	36	1:01:40.256	1 LAP	149.1	3	1:36.422	159.0
20 91 D.Jahn(DEU)/M.Holzer(DEU)	Team Joos Sportwagentechnik(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	33	56:47.184	4 LAPS	148.6	6	1:36.517	158.8
21 71 M.Paul(DEU)(J)/H.Sasse(DEU)(J)	T3 Motorsport(DEU)	Lamborghini Huracan GT3E	30	51:29.103	7 LAPS	149.1	7	1:36.429	159.0

Not classified

29 R.Feller(CHE)(J)/C.Mies(DEU)	Montaplast by Land Motorsport(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3	22	38:03.752	15 LAPS	147.7	3	1:36.408	159.0
14 M.Hackländer(DEU)/M.Wischofer(AUT)(J)	MRS GT-Racing(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	20	34:22.703	17 LAPS	149.4	7	1:36.516	158.8
99 S.Müller(DEU)/R.Renauer(DEU)	Precote Herberth Motorsport(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	19	32:19.303	18 LAPS	150.4	5	1:36.559	158.7
75 C.Engelhart(DEU)/T.Preining(AUT)	KÜS Team Bernhard(DEU)	Porsche 911 GT3 R	17	28:02.140	20 LAPS	155.5	5	1:36.555	158.7
10 N.Yelloly(GBR)/J.Krohn(FIN)	Schubert Motorsport(DEU)	BMW M6 GT3	1	2:28.275	36 LAPS				
11 E.Erhart(DEU)(T)/P.Kaffer(DEU)	Rutronik Racing by TECE(DEU)	Audi R8 LMS GT3							

Fastest lap of the race. Car 32 driver Dries Vanthoor on lap 7. Time 1:35.171, average speed 161.1 km/h.

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